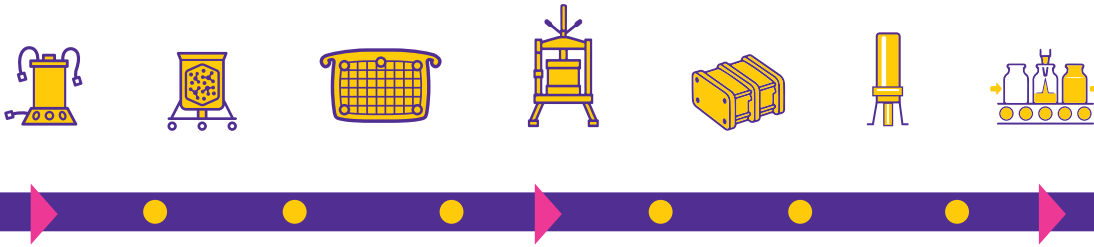


# Pathways for Pioneers

# BIOTECH START-UP SYMPOSIUM



Join a digital dialog | April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Merck invites you to the **Biotech Start-Up Symposium**, a free two-day networking event designed specifically for start-up biotech companies.

Speakers will be discussing topics that range from **technical** (GMP grade Angiogenic Stem Cell) to **growing your company** (going from an idea at a university to a clinical phase biotech) to **operations** (outsourcing and virtual companies).

This event will include:

- presentations by **industry experts**
- moderated **round table** discussions
- a virtual **M Lab™ Collaboration Center** tour
- and **exceptional networking opportunities** throughout the entire program.

## Key leading companies involved:

- Alderley Park Accelerator
- BioRN
- Cell-Easy
- GeneQuine Biotherapeutics
- Imcheck Therapeutics
- M. Ventures
- Pathway Biopharma (Ltd)
- TILT Biotherapeutics
- VAR2 pharmaceuticals

## Date:

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of April

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of April

## Time:

9:30 – 15:30 (CET)

The symposium is free of charge, though registration is required

[Register HERE](#)

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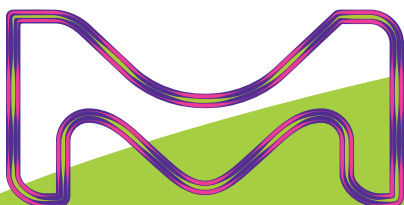
## AGENDA

### Day 1 - Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021

- 9:30 – 9:45** Symposium opening and introduction to the platform  
*Sasha Tanner, Frederic Sengler, Merck*
- 9:45 - 10:30** Successfully raising venture capital  
*Therese Maria Liechtenstein (PhD), M. Ventures*
- 10:30 - 11:15** TILT's route from university startup to a clinical stage biotech  
*Aino Kalervo (MSc, MS), TILT Biotherapeutics*
- 11:15 - 12:00** Considerations for the development of biologics by virtual companies  
*Dr Jonathan Dempsey (PhD), Pathway Biopharma (Ltd)*
- 12:00 – 13:30** Lunch time – Poster session, marketplace and treasure hunt  
Round Table - Meet your local consultants
- 13:30 – 14:15** Faster, safer and affordable access to GMP grade Angiogenic Stem Cell for academic clinical trial  
*Pierre Monsan (PhD), Cell-Easy*
- 14:15 – 15:30** Advance Biotech Grant Award Ceremony - Finalists and the winner is...

### Day 2 - Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021

- 9:30- 10:15** Making life science matter and innovation happen in the Rhine-Main-Neckar region around Heidelberg - *Julia Schaft, BioRN*
- 10:15 - 10:45** Next generation gene therapy for musculoskeletal disorders  
*Kilian Guse, GeneQuine Biotherapeutics*
- 10:45 - 11:30** Virtual visit of the M Lab™ Collaboration Center: supports pharmaceutical and biotechnology customers from pre-clinical through full-scale production in non-GMP environment  
*Josselyn Haas, Merck*
- 11:30 - 12:15** ImCheck: Exploring two uncharted territories in immunomodulation, butyrophilins and gamma-delta T cells - *Pierre d'Epenoux, Paul Frohna (PhD), Imcheck Therapeutics*
- 12:15 – 13:30** Lunch time – Poster session, marketplace and treasure hunt  
Round Table - Meet your local consultants
- 13:30 – 14:15** Diagnosing, targeting and treating cancer using a recombinant cancer binding malaria protein  
*Ali Salanti (PhD), VAR2 pharmaceuticals*
- 14:15 – 15:15** A new shared-risk partnership model for developing and commercializing oncology innovations  
*Ned Wakeman, Alderley Park Accelerator*
- 15:15 – 15:30** Symposium conclusion  
*Sasha Tanner, Frederic Sengler, Merck*



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